



Land Development News

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DPW and DPLU Co-Location

Ed Sinsay DPW Project Manager/Conditioning Team Leader

As part of the Service First Initiative, the Department of Public Works has made some changes to enhance customer service and efficiency within the Land Development Division. Starting in November 2008, two Land Development teams were co-located in the Department of Planning and Land Use (DPLU). Headed by Team Leaders, Rick Lantis and Ed Sinsay, these teams are responsible for discretionary conditioning of subdivisions and permits. A Route Location team was also co-located in DPLU to provide faster response times and dedicated resources in reviewing project traffic studies. This team is headed by DPW Project Manager Nick Ortiz. As part of the move, DPW Program Manager, Troy Bankston, also co-located to provide leadership and act as a liaison between DPW and DPLU's management staff.

Grading, improvement plan and final map processing functions were consolidated into three geographical teams headed by DPW Land Development Managers Nael Areigat, Ken Brazell, and Lee Shick. These teams still report to Troy Bankston, and their function of reviewing and approving grading, improvement plans and maps is essentially the same. To date, these changes have shown positive benefits. The co-located conditioning teams are easily accessible to DPLU staff, and the close relationship promotes a better understanding of each department's processes. With respect to grading, improvement and map processing, project managers are able to focus their expertise on resolving plan and map check issues to decrease turn around times which results in quicker approval.

Cartographic Services Implements Large File Drop Box

Robert Laudy, Cartographic Services Unit Manager

At the request of Industry to provide better service, our Cartographic Services section (Carto) began using a Carto Client Drop Box service in February 2009. Carto created this drop box system to allow customers to purchase electronic documents that were simply too large to send out to the client over the County's e-mail system.

A good example of the type of file that requires this service is the widely-used Orthophoto Topo maps sold at our Survey Records counter. These maps are scanned to allow electronic distribution and are available for purchase as TIF files at the counter, usually on a compact disk. Some firms showed interest in purchasing these documents without having to visit our Carto offices, but we found they were too large to e-mail. The Carto Client Drop Box service now eliminates that problem.



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Topo and Orthophoto Map Index items are available at:
<http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dpw/surveyor/tomaps.html>

Construction Project File History

Derek Gade, LUEG Program Manager PDCI

As part of the plan for DPW to document construction of private development projects, the Private Development Construction Inspection (PDCI) team has a large volume of stored information on completed projects that is available to the public. This information is stored via CDs and microfiche and can be reviewed only at the PDCI offices. This information could include initial applications, correspondences, project estimates, inspection reports, engineering studies, and final acceptance project information for all closed DPW private development projects. The information needed could be flagged through file review and copies made at minimal charge to cover DPW costs (\$.25 per page). These documents are located at PDCI located at 5201 Ruffin Road, Suite D, San Diego, 92123. For more information, please contact the PDCI counter at (858) 694-3165.